

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-16, drawn to a fluid dynamic bearing motor, classified in class 384, subclass 100.
- II. Claims 17-20, drawn to a method for countering fluctuating journal asymmetry pressure in a fluid dynamic bearing, classified in class 29, subclass 898.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 1-16) without traverse.

The Examiner has further required election of one of the following species:

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figures 4 and 5

Applicants elect the species of Figure 3, noting that generic claims in this case are present (as also indicated by the Examiner). In particular, claim 1-5 are deemed generic. Applicants further submit that claims 1-6 and 9-16 are readable upon the species of Figure 3. Examination on the merits of the elected subject matter is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any

required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **146712016800**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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